THE

ORDINARY *of* NEWGATE *his* ACCOUNT,

Of the Behaviour, Confeſſion, and dying Words of the Malefactors, who were Executed on *Monday* the 9th of this Inſtant *May*, 1726, at *Tyburn*.

11. May. 1726.

AT the Seſſions of the Peace, and *Oyer* and *Terminer*, for the City of *London*; and on the King's Commiſſion of Jail-Delivery of *Newgate*, held at *Juſtice-Hall* in the *Old-Bailey*, for the City of *London*, and County of *Middleſex*; on *Wedneſday*, *Thurſday*, *Friday*, and *Saturday*, the 20th, 21ſt, 22d, and 23d of *April*, 1726, in the Twelfth Year of his Majeſty's Reign; (before the Rt. Hon. Sir *Francis Forbes*, Knt. Lord Mayor of the City of *London*; the Rt. Hon. the Lord Chief Juſtice *Raymond*; the Hon. Mr. Baron *Price*; Sir *William Thomſon*, Knt. Recorder; and *John Raby*, Serjeant at Law; and other his Majeſty's Juſtices of Jail-Delivery, and *Oyer* and *Terminer* aforeſaid; together with his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid City of *London*) Fifteen Malefactors were convicted of Capital Crimes, and receiv'd Sentence of Death, *viz.* Thirteen Men, and Two Women. *John Murrel* was alſo convicted Capitally, for ſtealing a brown Mare, val 81. but being dangerouſly ill, his Sentence was reſpited.

While under Sentence, they were inſtructed in the Principles of our Holy Chriſtian Religion; in the Original of Right and Property; they were taught the great Evil of the Sin of Murder from ſeveral weighty Conſiderations; and if Murder in General be one of the moſt heinous Sins, then in proportion the murderer of one's nearer and deareſt Relation muſt be ſtill a greater Sin than common Murder; and not only of one who is moſt nearly Related, but alſo who, by the Laws of God and Man, is a ſuperiour Perſon in Power and Honour; for as the Husband is called the Head of the Wife, her Lord, *&c.* therefore the Laws of this Kingdom have wiſely declar'd it to be a greater Crime, and affix'd a ſeverer Puniſhment upon a Wife's murdering her Husband, than upon other Murderers.

I likewiſe inſiſted upon the Villany and Uncleanneſs of unnatural Sins, which ought not to be nam'd among People that have any remainders of Civility left, much leſs among Chriſtians who profeſs the true Religion, teaching us to deny all Ungodlineſs and Worldly Luſts *&c.* eſpecially the Luſts of the Fleſh, *&c.* I ſhow'd 'em the Evil of this Sin from God's terrible Judgments inflicted on *Sodom* and *Gomorrah*, and the adjacent Cities, in raining Fire and Brimſtone from Heaven upon them, and conſuming them as in a Moment, *&c.* And the Apoſtle St *Paul*, *Rom.* 1. and St. *Jude* in his Epiſtle, ſaying ſo much againſt theſe moſt impious and notorious Sinners, *&c.*

In the time of delivering theſe and many other uſeful Inſtructions all of them appeared to be attentive; but no outward Signs of Repentance and Sorrow for Sin, requiſite in every true Chriſtian, much more in ſuch notable and moſt impious Murderers, as many, if not all of 'em were; *Wood* the Murderer was moſt affected, but he appeared but 2 or 3 Days in Hold, for falling ſick, he died in the Condemn'd Hold a few Days before the Sentence was put in Execution; *Billings*, who barbarously murder'd Mr. *Hayes*, by one ſtroke of a Hatchet in the back part of his Head, was a confus'd, hard hearted young Fellow, and had few external Signs of Penitence; Mrs. *Hayes* was too unconcerned, and I fear too often her Mind was taken up with things altogether foreign to the Purpoſe, and great Work which ſhe had then upon hand; *Gillingham*, *Map*, and the reſt of 'em were attentive and comply'd with the Worſhip, excepting one who was a *Roman Catholick*.

Upon *Thurſday* laſt the Report was made to his Majeſty in Council; *John Treen*, *Mary Scuffham*, and *George Keger*, receiv'd his Majeſty's moſt Gracious Reprieve; *John Vanvick*, and *Thomas Wood* died in Priſon; the remaining Ten, *viz.* *Cotterel*, *Gillingham*, *Map*, *Hayes*, *Billings*, *Laurence*, *Griffin*, *Wright*, *Vigus*, and *Dupre*, were ordered for Execution.

The Dead Warrant coming down on *Friday* the 6th of *May*, theſe Ten began to think ſeriouſly upon Death; *Gillingham*, who formerly appear'd very indifferent, came to Chapel, ſhedding Tears, Mrs. *Hayes*, who before ſhew'd little Concern, being aſſur'd ſhe was to die on *Monday*, wept bitterly; and the reſt appear'd more effected than uſual.

Thomas Billings and *Thomas Wood*, of St. *Mary le Bone*, were Indicted for the Murder of *John Hayes*, the former by ſtriking and bruiſing the ſaid *John Hayes* on the hinder part of the Head with a Hatchet, on the 1ſt of *March* laſt, of which he inſtantly died, and the latter for being acceſſary to the ſaid Murder; to which Indictment they both pleaded Guilty.

THOMAS BILLINGS, (as Mrs. *Hayes* affirm'd ſome Days before their Execution) Son to *John Hayes* and *Catharine Hayes*, between 19 and 20 Years of Age. When he was a Child, he did not live with his Father and Mother, but with ſome of their Relations in the Country; he was put to School in his younger Years, and taught to read his Mother Tongue, to write, and inſtructed in the Knowledge of the Chriſtian Religion. I ask'd him if he knew what Parents he was of? he ſaid, he did not, but believ'd himſelf to be a Baſtard, but a near Relation of Mrs. *Hayes*, but what way he could not tell; that he was put to a *Taylor* in *Worceſterſhire*; and that there was a Country *Shoemaker* in that County, now dead, with whom he ſtay'd when he was young, who always paſs'd for his Father. I ask'd what mov'd him to murder Mr. *Hayes*? he ſaid, that he was cruel and barbarous in beating and abuſing his Wife; that he threaten'd to murder himſelf, and ſaid, ſome time or other he ſhould kill his Wife; and that he was an avow'd Athieſt, frequently Blaſpheming in a manner which ought not to be expreſs'd, denying the immortality of the Soul, and alledging that Men and Women were in the ſame Condition with the Beaſts that periſh. Upon ſuch fooliſh Pretences *Wood* and he conceived a falſe Notion, that it was no more a Sin to kill him than a Dog, or a Cat. I told him, that if he was ſuch a wicked Man as he repreſented him to have been, there was ſo much the leſs ſhadow of Reaſon to murder him ſuddenly and unexpectedly, ſince it was more reaſonable upon that very Account to ſuffer him to live, that he might have time to think upon the evil of his Ways, and repent of his crying Sin, God being always

willing to receive into Favour all penitent Sinners, however notorious their Guilt might be. All this he acknowledg'd, adding, that he had never done it, if he had not been ſottiſhly intoxicated with Liquor, ſo that he knew not what he was doing. He own'd that there was no Cauſe for ſo villainous a Murder; and that whatever Puniſhment was inflicted upon him, was infinitely leſs than what he deſerv'd. He ſaid, that no ſooner was the Thing done, but immediately his Conſcience was ſeiz'd with ſuch horrible Guilt, that he would have given the World to have it undone, but that was impoſſible; and that Mrs. *Hayes* and he wept and mourn'd moſt bitterly all that Night. He denied himſelf to have been upon the firſt contrivance of the Murder, but that Mrs. *Hayes* and *Wood* firſt conſulted about it; and that when it was communicated to him, he agreed to it, and being overcome with Drink, he was ſo far left of God, as to commit the Murder. Mrs. *Hayes* deny'd that ſhe ever advis'd *Wood* or him to make away with him, or that ſhe knew any thing of it till the Fact was done. *Wood*, who the ſecond Day after Sentence was confin'd to the Hold, and could not come to Chappel, becauſe of a violent Indiſpoſition of which he died, went to Death with it, that Mrs. *Hayes* preſs'd upon him for ſome time to murder Mr. *Hayes*, but he refus'd; and *Billings*, when it was propos'd to him, readily comply'd. He alſo ſaid, that Mrs. *Hayes* held the Candle whilſt he cut off the Head, and advis'd to the cutting his Body in Pieces, in order to carry it off with the greater Conveniency, and was preſent at the doing of it; but this, as a dying Woman ſhe denied. *Wood* appear'd to be mightily concern'd and very Penitent. I ask'd *Billings*, if he knew that Mr. *Hayes* was his Mother. He ſaid, that ſhe had told him ſomething of it, but that he knew nothing of Mr. *Hayes*'s being his Father. Having formerly upon ſeveral Occaſions repreſented to him the heinouſneſs of the Sin of Murder, I took opportunity to inform him, that had his Judges known his Relation to the deceas'd, a more painful and ignominious Puniſhment had been appointed him; and that his Crime was much greater than what the World had been appriz'd of, Parricide, the murdering of a Father, to whom (under God) we owe our all; being in the eſteem of all Men thought a much more barbarous and unnatural Act, than the murder of a Stranger, upon whom one had no dependance. This he own'd, but that then he was ignorant of Mr. *Hayes*'s being his Father; and as to the Puniſhment, he declar'd himſelf heartily ſorry for his Sin; and that he was content to have his Body disjointed, and all his Bones broken Bone by Bone, or to ſuffer the moſt painful Death the Wit of Man could invent, ſince his Puniſhment was greater than he could bear, &c. *Billings* ſaid, that from his Infancy he had always liv'd in the Fear of God, that he had ſtudied and practis'd Religion, and of which indeed he wanted not a competent Knowledge for one of his Station; and that, excepting the barbarous Crime of Parricide for which he died, he had never committed any heinous Sin, neither had he been addicted to any of thoſe Vices, either of Whoring, Drinking, Lying, &c. to which too many young Men do incline. He told alſo, that he had once taken the Sacrament. I told him, that by that one mortal Sin of Parricide he had loſt all his former Righteouſneſs. He hop'd the Seed of Grace was left in him. I ſaid, that it appear'd very ill in ſuch helliſh Fruits and Effects, however God was able, if he ſought him ſincerely, to renew him again by Repentance, to which I earneſtly exhorted him, his Crime not being a common Murder but Parricide, by his own Confeſſion; for he knew Mrs. *Hayes* to be his Mother, and conſequently Mr. *Hayes* her Husband to have paternal Relation to him. He declar'd himſelf moſt penitent for his Offence, hop'd that God h renew'd him by a true Repentance, and an unfeigned Faith in Chri and that he car d not what he ſuffer'd in this World, ſo that his So might have everlaſting Happineſs in the World to come. He ſeem to have been a young Fellow of a ſimple, eaſy, fooliſh Temper, a to have been ſeduc d into the Commiſſion of this unheard of Cruel by the perſuaſion of *Wood*, or ſome way or other, which we ſhall lea the World to judge upon. He expected Salvation only through t Merits of Jeſus Chriſt, whoſe Blood ſpeaks better Things than that *Abel*; and in all appearance he was very penitent for his Sins, a died in Communion of the Church of *England*, of which he own himſelf an unworthy Member.

2. *Catherine Hayes* was indicted for Petty-Treaſon, in being traite ouſly preſent, comforting and maintaining the ſaid *Thomas Billin* in the Murder of the ſaid *John Hayes* her Husband.

CATHERINE HAYES, born in *Warwickſhire*, of hon and reſpected Parents, aged (as ſhe ſaid) about 34 or 36 Years, ed cated in the Faith of the Church of *England*; but what good Inſtruc ons ſhe received in her younger Years were moſtly forgotten; for ſ married Mr. *John Hayes*, Son to a Countryman in *Worceſterſhir* within four Miles of the City of that Name; who had an Eſtate Land of forty or fifty Pounds *per Annum*, as ſhe ſaid, when twelve thirteen Years old, but as ſome of her Friends ſaid fifteen or ſixte upon eight Days acquaintance; for travelling by Mr. *Hayes*'s F ther's Houſe, and asking the Way, old Mrs. *Hayes* deſired her to co in, and young Mr. *Hayes* fell deeply in Love with her, and married h ſuddenly without Conſent of Friends, ſhe having left her Mothe Houſe upon ſome Diſcontent; and as ſhe affirm'd, Mr. *Hayes* Husband was ſo intent upon the World, that he would not ſuffer h to app'y to reading of her Book, or religious Exerciſes; ſuch as Pra ing, &c. and that all the time of her Marriage, which was twen Years and eight Months, he would never ſuffer her to go to Chur but two or three times, namely, twice at *London* with *Billings* Murderer her Son, whoſe true Name upon the Words of a dy Woman, ſhe aſſur'd me to be *Hayes*; and that when ſhe went Church, it was without her Husband's Knowledge, and contrary his Conſent. They liv'd in *Worceſterſhire* upon a Piece of Land their own, and ſome which they farm'd; but ſhe complain'd t Mr. *Hayes* was a very unkind Husband, beating and mortifying upon every trivial Occaſion in a cruel Manner; and that when ſhe with Child, he would never ſuffer a Midwife to be call'd but on which with his other ill Uſuages prov'd the Cauſe of Abortion, commonly put her in hazard of her Life. Five or ſix Years ago, on Diſcontents and Grudges ariſing in the Family between Mr. *Hay* Father and Mother and her, and her Husband and her, they ſold off they had in the Country, and came to Town, where they kep Chandler's Shop, and liv'd in different Places, till lately they took Houſe in the Pariſh of St. *Mary le bon*, where this unfortunate cident of her Husband's Murder happen'd. When I firſt viſited h asking the Cauſe, why they murder'd Mr. *Hayes* in ſuch a barbar Manner? She told me, that *Thomas Wood*, one of the Murder alledg'd, it was no more Sin to kill him than a Dog or Cat, becauſe the cruel Uſuage he gave her, and his blaſphemous Expreſſions wh he too frequently us'd, declaring that he believ'd nothing about a G and that the Souls of Men and Women died like the Brutes, *Wood*, when I told him this, caſt the whole Blame upon her; ſayi that twenty Days before the Murder happen'd, Mrs. *Hayes* adv and frequently preſs'd him to murder her Husband, upon doing which he ſhould be Maſter of all her Money, which was of a conſid able Value; that he would not conſent to do it; but that afterwa ſhe propoſing to her Son *Billings*, he too eaſily agreed to it. W held to this Confeſſion till his Death; for two or three Days bef he died, as I viſited him lying ſick in the Hold, he affirm'd the ſa adding that ſhe advis'd to the cutting off his Head, Legs, and Ar and that ſhe held the Candle while it was a doing, &c. All this M *Hayes* conſtantly deny'd, and by all the Arguments I and ſeveral ſpoke to her could make uſe of, either from Scripture, as that by c feſſing her Sins ſhe glorify'd God, &c. or the Reaſon of the Thing ſelf, ſince the grievous Sin, tho' principally committed againſt G yet thereby a terrible Offence and Injury was alſo given to Man: that without an ingenious Confeſſion, ſhe could not die in the Pe of the Church, &c. By theſe and many other Reaſons ſhe could be in the leaſt mov'd to make any farther Confeſſion; only, that th Days before the unlucky Time to her, and the other two, *Tho*

Wood ſitting beſide Mr. *Hayes* in the Houſe, and holding his Hand over Mr. *Hayes*'s Shoulder, ſaid, *Mr.* Hayes, *I think it no more Sin to kill you than a Dog or Cat. Why?* ſays *Hayes. Wood* anſwer'd, *Becauſe you are ſo cruel to that poor induſtrious Woman, and becauſe you are ſo atheiſtical and wicked.* Mr. *Hayes* ſaid, that as to his ſtriking his Wife, he had a Giddineſs in his Head at ſome times, that he knew not what he was doing: and that he believ'd ſome time or other he ſhould kill his Wife in his Paſſion, which he could not help. Notwithſtanding this, *Billings* ſaid, that his Mother and *Wood* firſt plotted the Murder, altho' when ſhe was preſent, he ſtood in awe, and would ſay nothing of her. What paſt betwixt *Wood* and Mr. *Hayes* is all ſhe would confeſs, that ſhe knew of any fore-thought or deſign of murdering Mr. *Hayes* her Husband. I told her, ſuppoſe ſhe knew nothing of a premeditated Intention, yet her concealing the Murder, and abetting the Murderers, &c. made her equally guilty of the Crime in the Eye of the Law: that ſhe acknowledg'd, and ſaid, ſhe deſired not to live, but thought ſhe ſhould not be Burnt, &c. I told her, that Burning was the particular Puniſhment appointed by the Law of *England*, for Women who were concern'd in the Murder of their Husbands. She wept and fretted when ſhe thought on this. Asking her, why ſhe conceal'd her Husband's Murder? ſhe ſaid, that the ill Uſuage he always gave her cool'd her Affection towards him, and her only Son being concern'd, ſhe could not think of delivering him up to public Juſtice. She ſpoke much of Mr. *Hayes*'s beating and mortifying her, and ſometimes breaking her Ribs and Bones, and of his having murder'd two new-born Children of her's, and buryin them, one under an Apple-Tree, another under a Pear-Tree, at two different Places, where they liv'd in *Worceſterſhire*; a Note of which a Neighbour of her's in that Country, who lives near to theſe Places took, and was to dig about the Trees, to ſee if he could find any of the Bones, &c. and was to write an Account of it to Town, if any ſuch thing could be found. Being ask'd the Reaſon, why ſhe malign'd and ſpoke ſo much to her Husband's Diſadvantage, now that he was dead, and murder'd in ſo barbarous a Manner? She ſaid, that ſhe had no Malice in her Heart to him, but that her being ſo ill treated by him, was the Cauſe why ſhe conceal'd the Murder, and was ſo indifferent about it; and that ſhe could not die in Peace, till ſhe open'd her Mind to me or ſome Body about the two Children; otherwiſe, that ſhe entertain'd no grudge againſt any Perſon. She ſeem'd to be a Woman of good natural Parts, but groſly ignorant in religious Matters, which (it may be fear'd) was the cauſe of her compliance in any degree with ſuch a horrid Action. I was always very preſſing upon her to conſider her latter end, and to improve the Knowledge of God, and the Salvation which is to be obtain'd, only in and through Jeſus Chriſt, &c. She frequently affirm'd, that ſhe had no doubt of her being happy in another World, and the Reaſon ſhe gave for this aſſertion was, becauſe ſhe had been juſt and upright in her Dealings, charitable to the Poor, careful in Houſhold Affairs, faithful and dutiful to her Husband, &c. As to conjugal Duties, I told her, that although ſhe did not actually imbrue her Hands in her Husband's Blood, yet by potronizing and ſupporting ſuch execrable Murderers, ſhe declar'd herſelf a very ill Woman, and deſerving the Puniſhment appointed her. At which ſhe ſigh'd and groan'd, confeſſing herſelf faulty in part; for which ſhe beg'd God and the World pardon, and declar'd that ſhe heartily repented for the Murder, ſo far as ſhe was concern'd in it. I inform'd her alſo, that if ſhe relied upon any good Work of her own for Salvation, ſhe would fail of attaining the end of her Faith, &c. ſo I adviſ'd her only to depend upon the Merits and Interceſſion of Jeſus Chriſt, &c. She ſaid, that ſhe believ'd in Jeſus Chriſt her only Saviour, upon whoſe account alone ſhe expected eternal Life and Salvation. By frequent Inſtructions both before and after her Tryals I brought her to underſtand ſome of the firſt Elements of Chriſtianity; but was greatly troubled to ſee her much more concern'd than what I deſired; for when I ſpoke to her about the great Concerns of her Soul, ſhe was too ready to bring in ſome little thing nothing to the purpoſe: for which, when I reprov'd her, ſhe acknowledg'd her Error. She declar'd herſelf of the Communion of this Church, of which ſhe was an unworthy Member. When in Chappel I preach'd, or pray'd, or diſcours'd about Murder, ſhe commonly fainted away, which ſhe acknowledg'd to proceed from the Thoughts and Apprehenſions of her Husband's horrible Murder, which ſtill diſturb'd and diſtracted her Mind Night and Day, ever ſince it happened. She hop'd to be ſav'd only by the Merits of Chriſt Jeſus, and declar'd that ſhe died in Peace with all Mankind.

3. *Henry Vigous* alias *Shock*, was indicted for aſſaulting *Edward Walmeſly* in an open Place near the Highway, putting him in Fear, and taking from him a ſilver Watch val. 5 l. a Hat val 2 s. and 7 s. 6 d. in Money, on the 26th of *March*, about 4 in the Afternoon.

HENRY VIGOUS, alias *SHOCK*, aged 34 Years, deſcended of honeſt, but mean Parents, in the Country, not far from *London*, had no Education, could not Read, was groſly ignorant, and it was a hard matter to make him underſtand any thing of Religion. He was Servant to a *Brewer* in Town, and had the Character of being Induſtrious and Honeſt; he lamented much his wicked Life, particularly upon the account of his Wife, reputed an honeſt Woman, and 2 or 3 young Children, whom he had diſgrac'd and ruin'd to his Power. He confeſs'd the Juſtice of his Sentence for robbing Mr. *Walmeſly*, having committed innumerable Robberies on the Highway, near the Town; that lewd Women with whom he kept Company, were the occaſion of neglecting his Buſineſs, and betaking himſelf to ſuch a wicked Life; that he had been a very great Sinner, and had obtain'd the juſt Reward of his Deeds. *N. B.* He declared alſo before Mr. *Moleſon*, a *Vintner* in *Coleman-ſtreet*, and ſeveral others preſent, that he was the Perſon who robb'd *Elizabeth*, the Wife of *Robert Storth*, of 6 Guineas, as ſhe was coming along the Road from *Shacklewell*, upon the 30th of *December* laſt: notwithſtanding the ſaid *Elizabeth* ſwore the ſaid Robbery upon a Boy named *John Brattle*, living in that Neighbourhood, who after he had narrowly eſcaped being caſt for his Life, was acquitted; and therefore no Man can in juſtice after this judge the ſaid *John Brattle* to have committed the ſaid Robbery upon *Elizabeth Storth*. *Vigous* alſo own'd that it was he who robb'd Mrs. *Tull*, at the Halfway Houſe between *Kingſland* and *Huckſtone*. He declar'd himſelf of the Communion of this Church, that he expected Salvation only in and thro' Chriſt, and that he died in Peace with all the World.

4. *James Dupree* was indicted for breaking and entering the Houſe of *John Cuſtom*, and ſtealing 27 Yards of Caffoy, value 16 l. the Goods of *John Burgeſs*, *April* the 18th, in the Night.

JAMES DUPREE, aged thirty Years, a *Silk-Weaver* in *Spittle-Fields*, of mean Parents, no Education for Letters, and very ignorant in the Principles of Chriſtianity. He ſaid, that he had always been ſober in the preceeding Courſe of his Life; had never committed Theft or Robberies; and that he was in good Reputation in the Neighbourhood. He much lamented his having brought his Wife, and three poor young Children to Miſery and Diſgrace, by that wicked Action. He wept bitterly for his Sins, declar'd himſelf a true Penitent, confeſs'd the Juſtice of his Sentence, although he thought it hard, being the firſt Fault, and was always very Grave and Devout in Chappel, both in time of Prayers and Exhortations. He declar'd himſelf a Proteſtant of the Communion of the Church of *England*, hoping for Salvation only through Chriſt Jeſus, and that he died in Peace with all the World.

5. *John Catterel* was indicted for breaking and entering the Houſe of *Bennet Ward*, Widdow, and ſtealing a Tub, two Pounds of Butter, and one Pound of Pepper, *March* 28.

JOHN CATTEREL, born (as he ſaid) in *Cheſhire*, of honeſt Parents, Aged 52 Years, or ſome more, Educated to the Sea, had been Maſter of a Ship about 200 Tuns, but ſuſtaining great Loſſes, particularly by his eldeſt Son, who was Maſter of a Ship that traded between *Holland* and *England*, and *France*, upon his own Account; he loſt the Ship, which with ſeveral other Loſſes brought him very low, ſo that he was impriſon'd in *Newgate* above 2 Years and a half, till his Majeſty's late Act of Indemnity for Inſolvent Debtors ſet him at Liberty; and then being miſerable poor, and at that time in Drink, he broke into that little Chandlers-ſhop, where he us'd to go and buy drams of Gin, in the further End of *Ratcliff* Highway, where 2 Men paſſing by, they went in and took him, and ſwore againſt him; he acknowledged the Crime of breaking into the Houſe, but ſaid that he had taken nothing away, and thought it hard to die ſince nothing was loſt, it having been the firſt Crime he was ever guilty of; and having been always before, till of late, a Man of good Buſineſs, and a very honeſt Reputation. He own'd the Juſtice of the Sentence, forgave the Evidences who ſwore away his Life, was very penitent for all his Sins, in evidence whereof he frequently wept and ſhed Tears; declar'd himſelf of the Communion of this Church, of which he dy'd an unworthy Member; that he hop'd for Salvation only thro' Chriſt, and died in Peace with all the World.

6. *John Gillingham* was indicted for aſſaulting on the Highway *Robert Shirly*, Eſq; and taking from him a Gold Watch and Chain,

value 20 l. *February* 27. He was a second time indicted for assaulting *John De Comines* on the Highway, and taking from him a Watch, a Snuff Box, and 5 l. 5 s. in Money, on the 8th of *April*. He was a third time indicted, for that he with *John Mason*, since dead in *Newgate*) did send to *Simon Smith*, Esq; a felonious Letter, not sign'd with his Name, demanding 20 Guineas; the Contents of the said Letter are as follows,

To Mr. *Smith*, in *Great George-street*, over-against the Church, near *Mr.* Smith, *Hanover-Square.*

I Desire you to send me 20 Guineas by the Bearer, without letting him know what it is, for he is innocent of the Contents. If you offer to speak of this to any Body, G—— D—— my Blood and Soul if you are not a dead Man before Monday Morning; and if you don't send the Money, the Devil dash my Brains out if I don't shoot you the first time you stir out of Doors; or if I should be taken, there's others that will do your Business for you, by the first Opportunity: Therefore pray fail not, for G— strike me to instant D——n, if I am not as good as my Word

JOHN GILLINGHAM, aged 22 Years of honest Parents in the Parish of St. *James* in the Liberties of *Westminster*, who had given him good Education at *Westminster-School*, which he did not improve to any good Purposes, but took himself to loose and bad Company, which prov'd his Ruin: He had tollerable good Sense, but was too self-conceited; he entertain'd great hopes of a Reprieve, which made him too unconcern'd about the state of his Soul. When he saw himself included in the Dead-Warrant he sotten'd a little, but (as I was inform'd) the two Nights before his Death, he committed some Extravagancies in abusing or beating some of his Fellow Prisoners in the Hold, which was an evidence that he had not true Repentance at that time. He deny'd the Robbery upon Mr. *Shirley*, and said that he did not believe that *John du Cummins* the Footman lost any thing at all: He confess'd that he knew of the Letter sent to Mr. *Smith*, but that he neither writ it, nor sent it: He said that he never committed a Robbery but one, and that he was one of them who assaulted and endeavour'd to rob the Earl of *Harborough*, in his Chair near St. *James*'s Church, and that it was he who shot the Earl's Chairman through the Shoulder. He acknowledged himself a great Sinner, and that his Sentence was just, but he complain'd that he dy'd meerly upon a Letter, where nothing was lost; he was very obstinate, but before Death he declar'd himself penitent for all his Sins, own'd that he believ'd all the Articles of the Christian Faith, and that Salvation was only attainable thro' Faith in Christ; that he begg'd God and the World pardon for all the Offences he had committed; that he died in the Communion of this Church, of which he was an unworthy Member, and freely forgave all Mankind who had injur'd him, as he expected forgiveness at the Hands of God.

7. *JOHN MAP*, was indicted for assaulting *William Penfield* on the Highway, and taking from him 8 pair of Hinges, &c. and 16 s *Feb.* 8. This *Map* was a young audacious Fellow, 23 Years of Age, of honest Parents, and good Relations in the Country, educated to the Sea, having serv'd as Midshipman on board a Man of War: but he own'd that what he could gain by his Business could not be sufficient for making him follow his extravagant Courses when at Home, wherefore he betook himself to robbing on the Highway, in which Trade he made such Proficiency, that since *Christmas* last, before he was committed, he several times said to me, that he had committed above 100 Robberies. He acknowledg'd the Justice of his Sentence, but alledg'd that he only got the 16 s. but knew nothing of the Hinges, which the Evidence also swore to: He confess'd himself to have been a very great Sinner, and that God in Justice had afflicted him.

8. *Gabriel Laurence*, was indicted for feloniously committing with *Thomas Newton*, aged 30 Years, the heinous and detestable Sin of Sodomy.

GABRIEL LAURENCE, aged 43 Years, was a Papist, and did not make many particular Confessions to me: He kept the Chapel with the rest, for the most part, was always very Grave, made frequent his Responces with the rest, and said the Lord's Prayer and the Creed after me. He own'd himself of the *Romish* Communion, but said that he had a great liking to the Church of *England*, and could communicate with them, but this I would not allow unless he renounc'd his errors. He said that *Newton* had perjur'd himself, and that in all his life he had never been guilty of that detestable Sin, but that he had liv'd many Years with a Wife, who had born several Children, and kept a good sober House; and this he desir'd me to Publish.

9. *William Griffin*, was indicted for committing S *Thomas Newton.*

WILLIAM GRIFFIN, aged 43 Years, an U Trade in *Southwark*, had (as he said) been a Man of g but having squander'd away or lost his Money, was falle ty. He denied the Fact for which he died, calling *New* dence perjur'd, and saying that that abominable Sin wa aversion of his Soul; for he had liv'd many Years with ous Wife, who had several Children, two of which, a Bo are living, and (as he said) both of them behave mighty the Satisfaction of all concern'd with 'em, and he hop'd th would not be so unjust as to upbraid his poor Children wi tunate Death.

10. *Thomas Wright* was indicted for committing Bugg *mas Newton.*

THOMAS WRIGHT, born at *Newbury*, age was instructed in his younger Years in the Principles of and inclin'd to the Anabaptist-Way. He said also, that falsely against him; but could not deny his following thes Courses, only he refus'd to make particular Confessions he had been used to go to seperate Meetings, yet, he s lov'd and esteem'd the Church of *England*, and was wi municate with the Church as soon as with Dissenters; t liv'd sobe ly, following his Employment, which was t *Combing*; that he died in the Christian Faith, a Protesta to be sav'd only through the Merits of Jesus Christ.

At the Place of Execution, *Map* got himself loose, t out of the Halter, and jump'd 3 or 4 Yards from the C Heads of the numerous Crowd of People, but the Offic after him, wounded him with their Pikes, and the Exe some others soon brought him back again; *Vigour* got hi the Halter also, which was immediately observ'd: *Gilling* more desirous of Prayers, having the Night before taken conscious of his Guilt. *Wright* could not deny his Guilt, on *Newton* the Evidence as perjur'd in some Particulars. not own the commission of the detestable Sin, but said guilty of Self-Pollutions. *Laurence* said, that a certain P jur'd him, when he took him before the Justice of Peace ted him, in swearing or affirming that 15 Years ago he h up for that unnatural Sin, and that it cost him 50 l. to ge which he said was utterly false, for till this time he was ne Mrs. *Hayes* was burnt alive; she appear'd altogether unc own'd *Billings* for her Child, adding nothing to her forme

This is the Account given by me, *J. Guthrie*, Minister

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